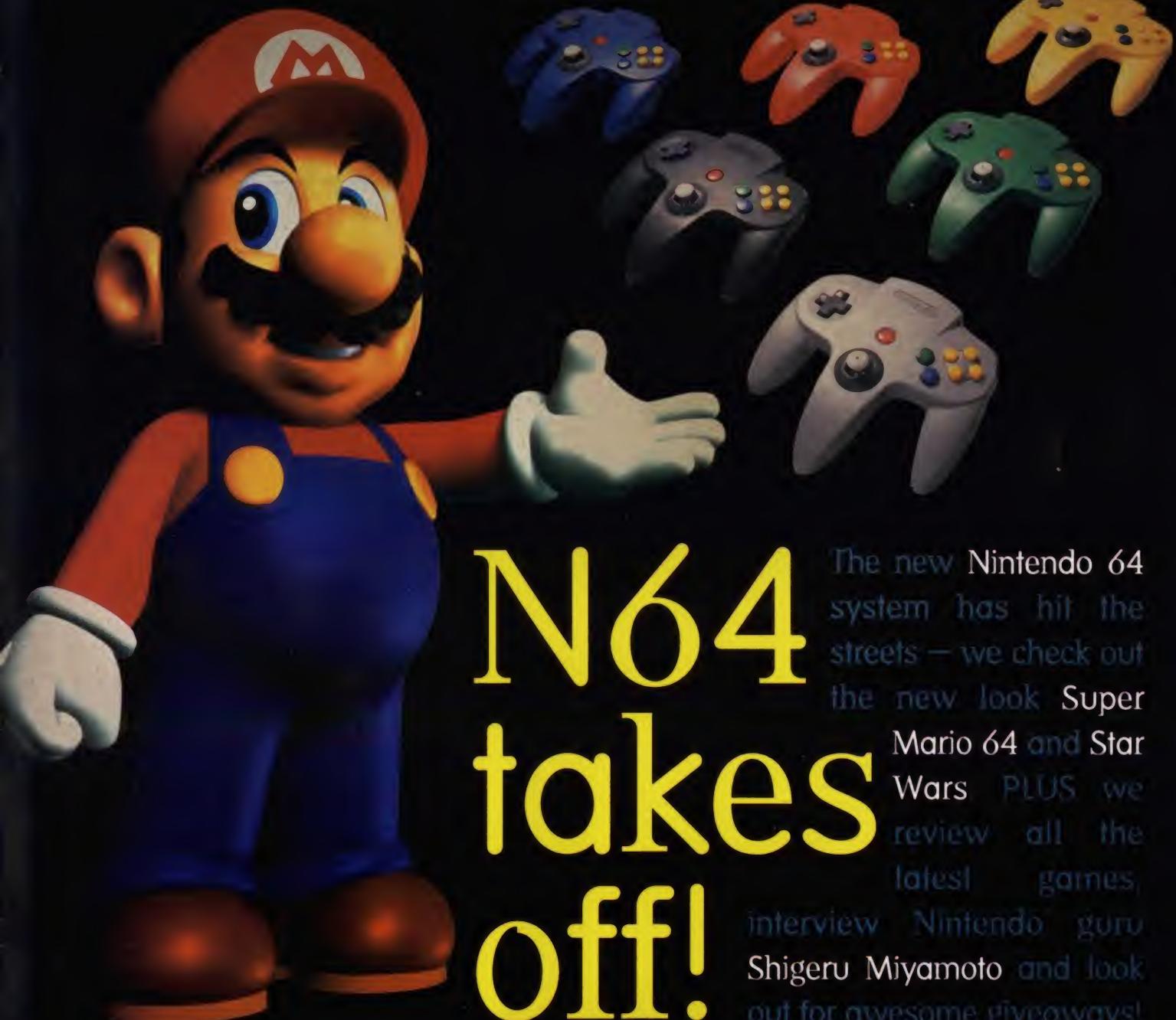


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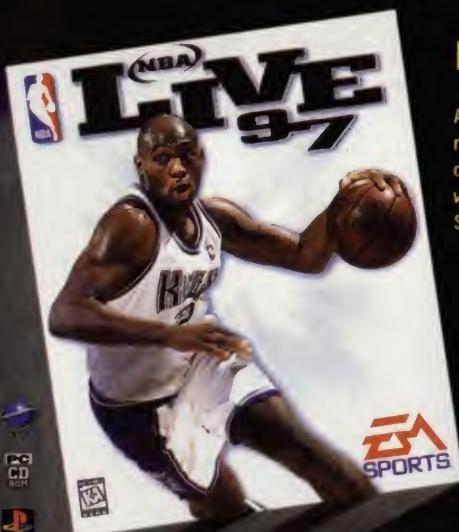
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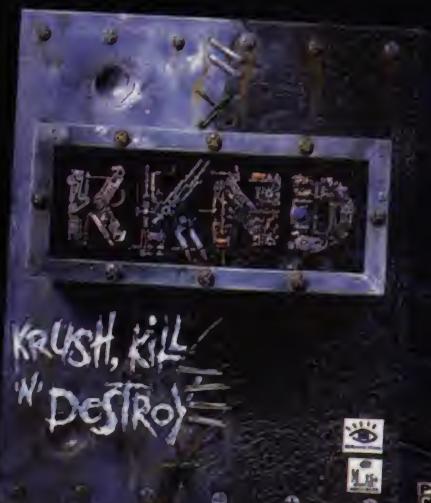
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low price Next Generation



WALT DISNEY CO. has announced the launch of a new subscription-based Web service for children and families to be called Disney's Daily Blast. The service will feature up to one hour's worth of "programming" a day and will include games, puzzles, animated comic books, sports, news updates and even a computerised colouring book featuring Disney characters. The service will cost about \$15 a month. To access it, users will need an internet account. Under an exclusive deal with The Microsoft Network, members will get The Daily Blast free for the next 10 months, said Richard Wolpert, senior vice president of technology for Disney Online. Disney already has a free site on the Web - Disney.com. Wolpert said the paid site is an extension of other Disney products such as its movies, theme parks and home videos.

ASSERTING its leadership in the "next generation" video game industry, Sony Computer Entertainment has announced that video game enthusiasts and new gamers alike will be able to purchase a PlayStation game console for a manufacturers suggested retail price of \$299, the lowest price point for any "next generation" video game system.

As an additional benefit for consumers, Sony have launched their Platinum Collection - a selection of their greatest hits at an all time low price of \$49.95. Available titles include Battle Arena Toshinden, Ridge Racer, Destruction Derby, Wipeout, Air Combat and Takken. There is also a lower price for some of their current big sellers like 2Extreme, Epidemic, Kingsfield and NHL Face Off '97 which are selling for \$79.95. To help cash in on the low prices, new PlayStation games planned for New Zealand release include Rally Cross, Total NBA '97, Porsche Challenge and Hexen.

"With an installed hardware base of 3.4 million, and more than 18 million PlayStation games sold, consumers have already demonstrated their overwhelming support and loyalty for the PlayStation," says Sony Computer boss Kaz Hirai. "By introducing these new suggested price points, the opportunity to experience the power and superiority of the PlayStation will be available to an even broader range of consumers. We once again continue to lead the industry with our aggressive hardware pricing and we are setting a new standard with our software pricing."

"Retailers' margins will improve with the new structure and, most importantly, consumers will be able to purchase the leading next generation video game system at an aggressive price."



Sega joins Bandai

SEGA, well-known for its Genesis video game players, is planning a new beginning with the \$2.5 billion purchase of Bandai Co. - the company behind the Power Rangers.



The deal will combine Sega Enterprises Ltd. with Bandai to form Sega Bandai Ltd. Sega, Japan's largest maker of video game machines, says the merger will help it find more ways to grow.

Sega and Bandai, also a Japanese company, have been hurt in recent years by disappointing sales and stiff competition. Industry analysts

said the deal will help Sega keep a firm foothold in the game business, where its profit margins have been under heavy pressure.

In addition, Bandai, which is best known for the Power Rangers boom of the early nineties will be able to pursue more opportunities in multimedia, like computer game software and movie distribution.

"The merger will allow a new stage of growth for the companies," says one of the world's leading gaming analysts, Yoshinori Tanahashi.

Sega Bandai could also benefit from the ability to draw on a larger pool of toy and game characters for marketing purposes and for use in computer software products.

There is little doubt that the merger, expected to be completed on 1 October, will be good news for the Sega Saturn console in the long term as it continues its sales battle against Sony's PlayStation, CD Rom and Nintendo 64.



ELECTRONIC ARTS

Sex ban on the net



SHE MAY HOLD a high place among American poets but as far as some computer censorship programmes are concerned, Anne Sexton is not much more than a three-letter word: sex.

Because her name has the letters s.e.x., programmes designed to protect children from internet smut won't let them see material on the late poet either. Close to a dozen software censoring products are being marketed to parents as an alternative or supplement to federal internet content controls overturned by a judicial panel and now under US Supreme Court review.

The judges who struck down the Communications Decency Act last year found home-based censorship preferable to the government restrictions. They said the strength of the internet and liberty is the same: "chaos and cacophony". Trying to carve that chaos into manageable chunks is a handful for the programmes set up to shield kids from the wilder side of the net. It's a task summed up by the title of one of the purged poet's best-known works: "To Bedlam and Part Way Back".

The programmes may deny reams of information on

AIDS prevention. Yet many of the walls against porn can be broached by the determined user.

A foolproof filter "is impossible to develop because of the subjective nature of what is considered objectionable," says PC Magazine in a review of seven programmes.

Still, they may help children explore the Web in relative safety. The cybercensors try to do it with lists of sites and words that will set off a trip wire. Sexton's work might be too strong for some parents. But while allowing people to see material on other controversial artists, one of the safe programmes, Cyber Patrol, drew the line on anything with "sex" in the name. Searches using the words sextuplets, Essex and Sussex met the same fate - "Access denied".

Screening programmes may help kids from becoming accidental tourists in seamy nether worlds. In one attempt at sorting out the smut, Microsoft's Internet Explorer now comes with a security system offering parents five levels of tolerance for sex, nudity, language and violence. The system can be tweaked, for example, to allow provocative frontal nudity or hold the line at frontal nudity. It will permit clothed sexual touching or stop at passionate kissing. The parent can also block all tough stuff, allow fighting, give the green light to killing with blood and gore or open the floodgates to wanton and gratuitous violence.

A PRANK DEATH threat sent by e-mail to President Bill Clinton earned a high school student a visit from the Secret Service and a month's suspension. The message read: "To Pres. Clinton: You are Dead." The e-mail apparently made it to the White House, school officials said. The computer message was sent by a 17-year-old senior at Trinity Catholic High School, one of scores of schools across Connecticut benefiting from a volunteer effort to link classrooms to the internet. No criminal charges were filed.

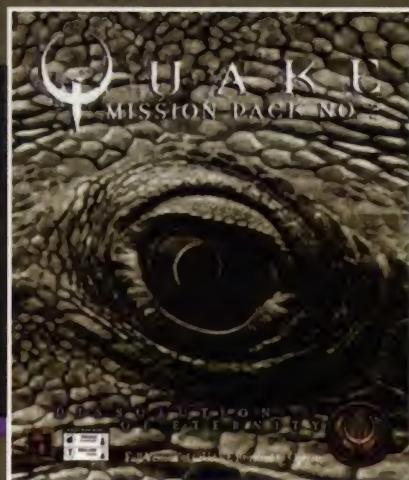


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the net

THE POOCHEs made it onto the Web. The duchess didn't. Queen Elizabeth II has launched the first official royal Web site - 150 pages of history, information and trivia for cyberloyalists to scroll through. "This is the official Web site of the monarchy in Britain," greets the home page, beneath a picture of the Imperial State Crown. "We hope you find your visit informative and enjoyable." The Queen.

who sees the internet as promoting one of her most favoured goals - communications among nations - launched the site at a high school in north London by sending an e-mail message to some of her subjects in a school in the tiny town of Nakina, central Ontario. "I am sure that some of you have parents and grandparents at home who have found the internet and the World Wide Web to be a bit of a mystery," she told the students in London. "But the internet is rapidly becoming

a part of everyday life, and used properly, it opens the door to a huge range of knowledge which has no national boundaries." Visitors can delve into the details of Prince Charles' favourite charity or his Prince's Trust that encourages start-up ventures or they can get the lowdown on the royal corgis (Phoenix, Pharoah, Kelpe and Swift). Other royal trivia: Prince Philip drives a Range Rover, but "for short journeys around London, uses a Metocab." Some royals get their own links, including Princess Diana. Those hungry for divorce details, however, will be disappointed by the lone reference. "The marriage of the Prince and Princess of Wales was dissolved in August 1996." The former Sarah Ferguson, who divorced Prince Andrew, last year fares worse - she doesn't even merit a link. "We have no answer to that," was the terse reply from the Duchess of York's spokeswoman when asked why she doesn't get equal treatment. Recent newspaper reports have said that the queen is pleased by Diana's silence on matters marital since the divorce, and takes a dimmer view of the duchess' tendency to tell all. The site is low on pictures, making for quicker downloading time. Other links include tours of the palaces and royal collections, accession charts and forthcoming royal events and visits. The address for the Web site is <http://www.royal.gov.uk>

MELROSE PLACE now has its own web site where fans who need a dose of their favourite TV show more than once a week can indulge in Melrose mania. Web site visitors will find biographies of the



characters and the actors who play them. Melrose trivia and summaries of episodes of the prime time show. Among the new faces on the show this year will be Chad Lowe, the Emmy winning actor from TV's defunct drama *Life Goes On*. He'll portray a "computer software mogul who suffers from loneliness but he sort of fixes that when he becomes romantically involved with Sydney [played by Laura Leighton]," said the show's publicist Kevin Sasaki. For more up to the minute gossip from *Melrose Place* check out these sites. *Melrose Place's Official Web Site:* www.melroseplacetv.com or the *unofficial Melrose Place Web Site:* www.melroseplace.com

CALLING ALL US SPORTS FANS. Basketball, baseball, football, hockey, NCAA. You name it CBS' Sportsline USA has got it all. It's not hard to see how sports programming is a natural for the internet. SportsLine, for example, offers game scores, radio broadcasts, statistics, video clips, stories and live chat. It draws 125,000 to 150,000 visitors a day.



The internet is some of the most hotly contested ground in media, giving networks like CBS another outlet for the events they cover, just like cable does. In the parlance of the current generation of media gurus, the net is new distribution for their content.

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WHILE opposing companies went from 16-bit machines to 32-bit consoles, Nintendo jumped right to its impressive 64-deck. It was a risk which is already paying off.

John Matheson takes up the story.



THE MOST SUCCESSFUL ENTERTAINER in the world isn't Bill Cosby, Madonna or even Michael Jackson. Mario is stomping on all of them.

Since his humble beginnings as the villain in the old Donkey Kong arcade game, the lovable plumber turned adventurer has appeared in more than 110 million Nintendo video games sold worldwide.

And he's just entered a new level.

Sales of the long-awaited new Nintendo 64 video game system and the Super Mario 64 game have been nothing less than spectacular. With demand far exceeding initial shipments, Nintendo pulled in more than \$100 million from North American gamers on its first day of release last year. Since going on sale in New Zealand in March more than 3000 consoles have been snapped up.

The 64-bit deck is a remarkable breakthrough for the multi-million dollar gaming industry. The man behind the Nintendo creation, Japan's Shigeru Miyamoto, is being hailed a genius by industry insiders as the first four releases - Super Mario 64, Pilotwings, Wave Race and Shadows of the Empire - impress with their quality, smoothness and unprecedeted 3D vision.

"The 64 raises the bar on video games standards," says Miyamoto. "The graphics and game-play elements are so technically advanced that they can only be realised on the Nintendo 64 system. The 32-bit systems do not have the power to develop highly detailed environments and subtle manoeuvring enabled by the processing power of the 64."

"For instance, it would be impossible to

realise Super Mario 64 in any existing CD-Rom format. Mario's non-restricted and quick movements across vast 3D game stages requires real time access between Nintendo 64's ROM and CPU.

"This access allows the data necessary to generate the rapidly changing scenery to be processed. In Super Mario 64, Mario's direction is controlled by the game player, requiring the CPU to react to a variety of commands on an ongoing basis. CD-ROM games require all data to be downloaded at once, giving the player limited game play freedom within a very small 3D area.

"Super Mario 64 is a video game and, in that sense an evolution in the category of video games. However, the game is more than just a leap from the 16-bit technology to 64-bit technology. The degree of game play enabled by the advanced technology of the 64 is the best in the industry. Nintendo 64 is the machine which will revolutionise game designing and enable graphics and game play never before possible on any other video game system."

One area where the 64 falls down however is the limited number of games available for the new system. But rather than seeing that as a disadvantage, Nintendo bosses believe their strategy of quality rather than quantity will pay off in the long run. Other titles due out this year include Cruisin' USA, Wayne Gretzky 3D Hockey and the fighting game Killer Instinct Gold. Total Games can also exclusively reveal that Miyamoto is also developing a new Zelda adventure game as well as a sequel to Super Mario 64. Both titles should be ready later this year.

The fantastic four



Mickey who?

BELIEVE IT OR NOT but Mario's popularity amongst children around the world has made him more recognisable than Mickey Mouse!

And he has attained that status without uttering a single word... until now.

Now, as Mario enters a new, wondrous, 3D universe in Super Mario 64, he's been given the opportunity to speak for the first time ever. "Mario Speak" includes his introduction at the opening screen, "It's me Mario!", his greeting at the start of each game "O'Ky D'oky" and "Mama Mia" after losing a round. Mario even mumbles in his sleep. What does he say? "Spaghetti, ravioli, mama mia!"

Mario creator Shigeru Miyamoto is continually



amazed at how his most famous character, created in the late seventies, has reached worldwide star status.

When he created the Donkey Kong arcade games, the figure that was to become Mario didn't even have a name.

"Mario was an anonymous character when I created him but people at Nintendo of America wanted to name him Mario after the Italian landlord at the warehouse they were renting," says Miyamoto.

"Mario's personality was designed to adapt to a variety of video game scenarios. We wanted to make sure that Mario remained kind, generous and lovable, regardless of which game we decided to place him in."





Everybody is talking about it. Nintendo 64 is here and so are the first four games to be released. Super Mario 64, Shadows of the Empire, Wave Race and Pilotwings. Total Games' John Matheson was one of the first to get his hands on the games.

SUPER MARIO 64

NINTENDO'S NEW MACHINE shows us what the future of video gaming will be like, with probably the best graphics ever seen in the home, and a crazy controller that can make anything a possibility. One word - funtastic! If you combine Nintendo, one of the greatest video game companies, with Silicon Graphics, the leader in cutting edge graphical imagery, then you know you will be getting something great. And you do, because Nintendo has given the world something revolutionary. Shigeru Miyamoto's genius has been used to



its full potential.

Mario 64 is everything I expected and more. The sound is the first pleasant surprise. Full stereo sound, and near CD quality sound isn't bad for a cartridge system. As soon as you turn on your new N64, you will be mesmerised by the lighting effects on Mario's head, as he looks around and his 3-D cranium is spinning and flipping out of control. Pretty cool to say the least. Then you will be transported to a level screen where your saved games will be kept. After you select "new game", you will start your adventure recovering all of the 120 power stars lost in the castle. Graphically, the game is a masterpiece. The wonderful 64-bit processor inside N64 helps to create lifelike animation and smooth textures while also giving one of the best atmospheres in any video game. With the new controller that everyone thought looks like a claw, the control has a new twist. Analog seems to be the way to go now with driving games utilising this great feature. Nintendo



seemed to think gamers would get the most satisfaction from this type of control. They were right of course, 3-D Mario just wouldn't be the same without moving at 80 different speeds. He can walk, stroll, walk on the spot, crawl, do backflips and even fly. There are six objectives in each level and with 16 levels, it'll take you some time to find each star, including 20 hidden ones. And once you find them all, you'll want to do it again because the graphics are so unbelievable. Replay value in a platform game, crazy huh?



STAR WARS



AT LAST - STAR WARS: Shadows of the Empire is here and it's been worth the wait. With 10 episodes, each featuring multiple sections in a variety of gaming styles, this title has something for everyone. You begin behind the controls of a snow speeder, flying a low-level mission against droids and AT-ATs. Next,

it's the corridors of the Hoth ice base, in Doom-style shooting and searching. An asteroid-belt battle is next, followed by the game's toughest level, train-hopping, while avoiding enemy fire. You'll acquire a jet-pack in the next sequence, fol-

lowed by a Speeder in a Road Rash style race. These gaming styles describe roughly half this game! With segments of Star Wars: Shadows of the Empire made for the N64's analogue controller, the result is surprisingly good control although the toughness of the episodes will initially cost you lots of lives and test your patience. But once you have mastered the controls, this game is a delight. The smoothness of the controls helps solve the problem of plummeting from a great height as you go in for the kill. Another impressive feature is the cut scenes which keep you in touch with the storyline. It's a wonder that we have survived so long without the 64-bit.



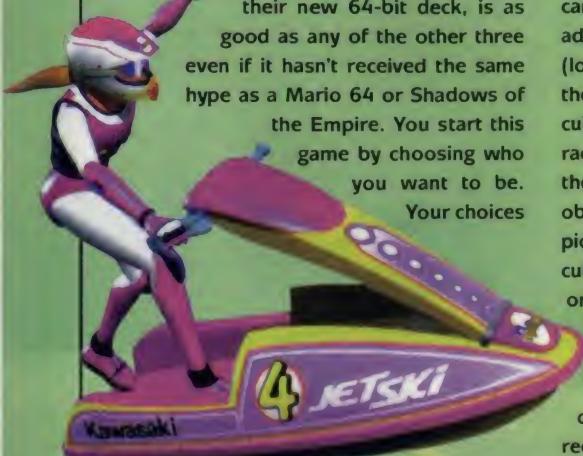
The Asteroid Field

WAVE RACE

JET SKI GAMES don't come better than this.

Wave Race, one of Nintendo's four releases to coincide with their new 64-bit deck, is as good as any of the other three even if it hasn't received the same hype as a Mario 64 or Shadows of the Empire. You start this game by choosing who you want to be.

Your choices



include Japan's Ryota Hayami, Canada's Miles Jeter and the US' Dave Mariner or Ayumi Stewart. To match your skill level you can also customise your jet ski. You get to adjust your handling (light to heavy), grip (loose to tight) and engine. You also choose the difficulty level - normal (a six race circuit), hard (seven races) or expert (eight races). As you progress through the levels the speed increases as do the number of obstacles. When you are racing for the championship, you are involved in a multi-race circuit between four fierce competitors each one trying to earn the most points. After completing the entire circuit the overall winner is determined by totalling the points earned. Whenever a record time occurs, the coolest feeling in the world, it is recorded into the game's memory. It's vital to

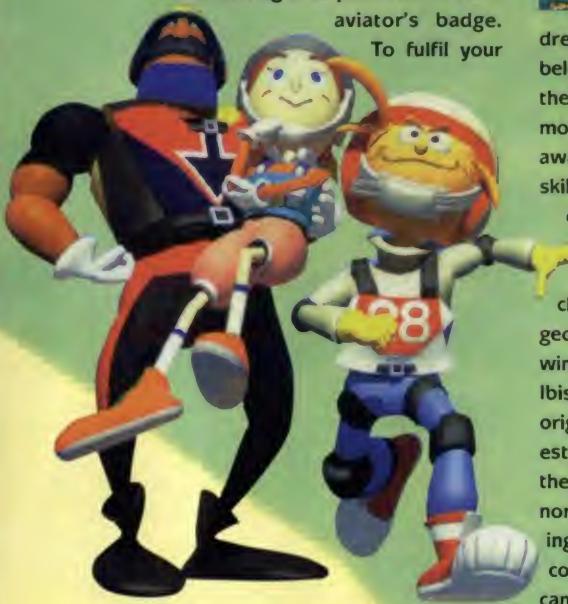
follow the course and not look for shortcuts because each time you follow the right buoys you receive a engine power boost. After each race in a circuit, if your total points are insufficient you will not advance to the next level. The condition for advancing is different depending on the difficulty level you have selected. Apart from the graphics the best thing about Wave Race is the acrobatic moves that you can do. Flip, barrel roll, handstand, somersault... even standing backwards on your wave ski is an option. The price of the game is good but be warned, once you sit at the controls of Wave Race you'll be tempted to go out and buy the real thing.



PILOTWINGS 64

IN THE WORLD of Pilotwings many young pilots fly the wild blue yonder with dreams of receiving their pilot's license and aviator's badge.

To fulfil your



dream you must operate a hang glider, rocket belt and gyrocopter successfully and complete the flight tests for each class. To make it even more exciting, several other vehicles will be awaiting your challenge. You have to use the skills of six different pilots, master the vehicles and at the end of it, if you're good enough, you will earn your wings and become an ace pilot. Pilots you can choose from include Lark (small but courageous), Kiwi (small and easily affected by the wind), Goose (the self proclaimed expert), Ibis (small, calm and confident), Hawk (the original big guy) and Robin (one of the prettiest pilots). As with all the Nintendo 64 games the graphics and 3D effects are second to none. Once you have mastered the art of flying the hang glider, rocket belt and gyrocopter you can move on to the challenging cannonball, sky diving and jumble hopper



games. Of the three, sky diving is probably the best. You get to dive from the sky and make formations with three other pilots. Your score is based on the number of formations before you reach the cloud cover. As with all the games, there are different levels to test your skill. There is hours of fun to be had with this. You start at the beginners class and have to complete three tests on that level before moving on to class A, class B and Pilot's class. It's worth the blood, sweat and tears. The further you go, the better the effects. You fly faster and you have to deal with tougher wind conditions. This is truly a game of skill. At first glance the game looks easy but... well, just try playing before you judge this great game.

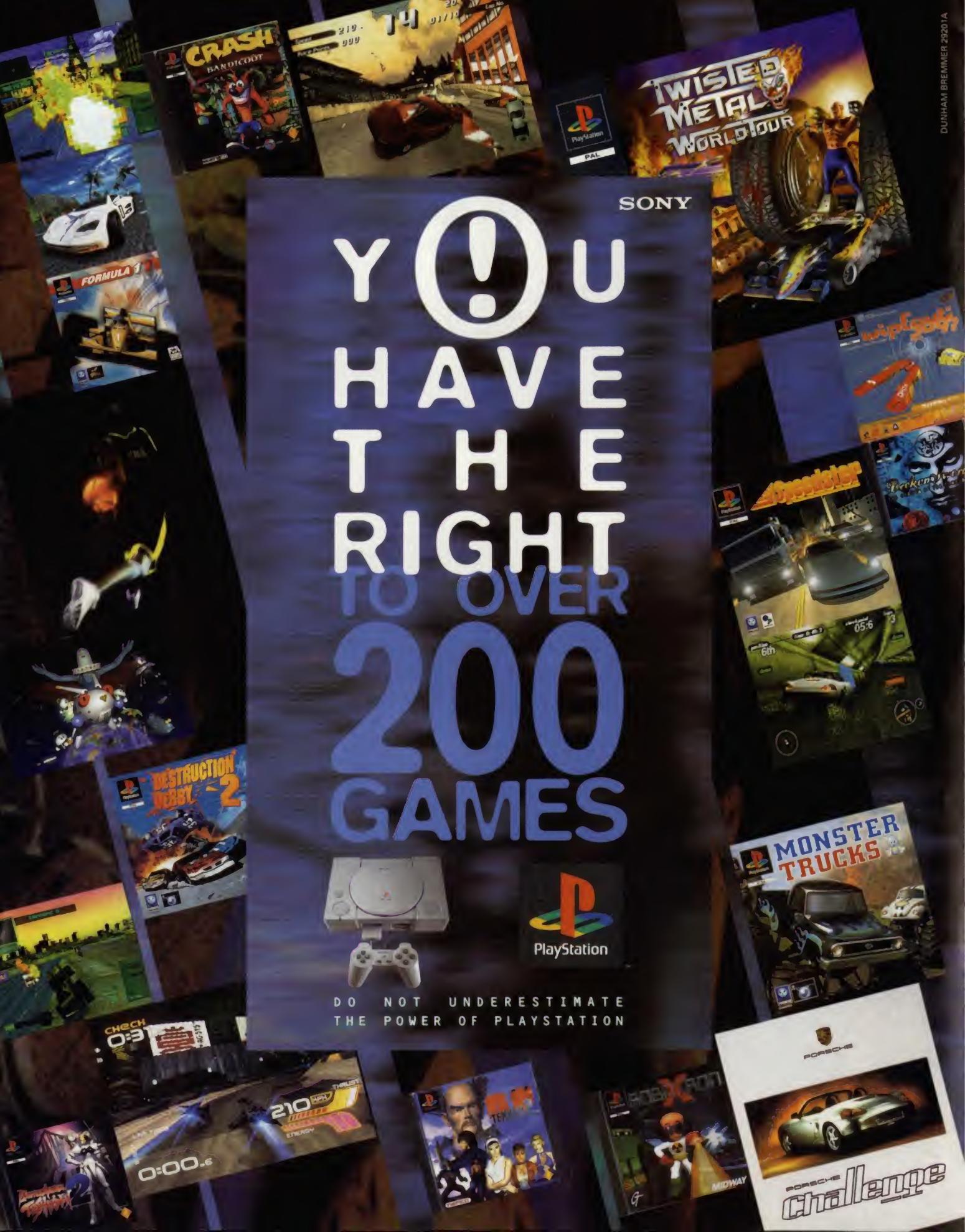


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Welcome to Play..., the review section of Total Games. Every month we bring you reviews of all the latest games for all the platforms. Action, fantasy, combat, sport and role-play games – they are all reviewed by the expert Total Games team. Enjoy...

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are you
**Ready
to
Party?**?



- Platform: Sega Saturn/CD Rom
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Adventure

IT'S THE GAME everyone has been talking about. The ultimate in adventure role playing games with action that is more intense, graphics that are closer to life and a heroine that would give Indiana Jones a run for his money. Let's set the scene. Lara Croft is a young attractive adventurer whose passion lies in exploring the ancient ruins of civilisations. The cinematic opening sequence lets us into Ms Croft's world as she sets off for the remote Peruvian mountains to hunt for a priceless artifact. From the first tentative steps we take to the first hidden door or the first kill, this game will blow you away. The myriad of tunnels, temples, waterfalls and



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Tomb Raider

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waterways are spectacular to look at and even more fun to explore as Ms Croft runs, jumps, hangs, swims, shoots and back flips her way through each level. On the way she will encounter blood-thirsty bats, wolves and bears, and survive cliff top leaps and dangerous whims that could all ultimately lead to her death. But with various medical kits and weapons she just might make it through alive. In her quest she also gets to do the coolest things. Hidden levers open doors, she flips sideways while shooting, pushes rocks to clear passages and - the ultimate - does an athletic dive into the water just before a swim. To have a look around simply press a button and you'll see the view from the side, above or below, her head moving accordingly. Now for the graphics. You know when you're at a movie and you just wish you

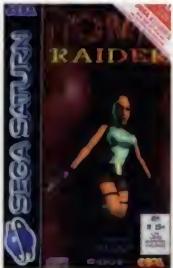


could roam around the place like your hero... well now you can. Tomb Raider is so realistic - from Ms Croft moving like a human to the foreboding music that you'll hear playing when you bravely enter unknown surroundings. Take your time and explore.

Whew! After all that I think I deserve a rest. ☺

① Up close and personal with the fabulous heroine Lara Croft.

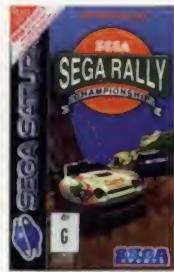
② The realistic graphics are just one of the game's qualities.



Sega Rally International

- Platform: Sega Saturn/CD Rom
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Driving

THREE COURSES, two cars to choose from, one driver... you! Are you up for it? Sega Rally Championship is the arcade version of the game for the living room but you get a lot more practise and those coins don't disappear as fast. Though at first difficult to master with the realistic handling of the car on various road surfaces, you'll soon be speeding down desert, forest and mountain stages like a seasoned professional. Graphically the game stands up well with viewing options from above the car or the driver's seat. For more control on the corners, use the manual transmission though changing gear on the control pad takes some getting used to. But that's half the fun. Time trial or go for the championship - it's your choice. Drivers, start your engines. ☺



Sonic 3D

- Platform: Sega Saturn
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Fantasy

THAT CLASSIC little hedgehog gamester is back and now he's in 3D. Yes, that's right. Sonic, with a little help from his friends Knuckles and Tails, is off for a visit to Flicky Island where he must defeat his nemesis Dr Robotnik, who, once again, is trying to rule the world. On the way Sonic must collect the small bird-like Flickies to open the dimension rings (which provide access into other levels) and collect gold rings to get into the bonus stages and eventually defeat Robotnik. Easy! Half the fun is in exploring each zone that Sonic enters. With seven to get through, there is certainly a lot to see including volcanic valleys, rusty ruins and a pinball arena. With impressive multi-level screens, brilliant colour, a host of Robotnik robots to conquer and the rollercoaster action of the bonus stages, it looks like Sonic will once again save the day. ☺



Spot Goes to Hollywood

- Platform: Sega Saturn/PS
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Fantasy

WHEN SPOT goes to Hollywood, he really goes to Hollywood. With a cool cinematic opening sequence where Spot is shot from a movie camera and transported onto the silver screen (hence the name) our hero gets to visit a pirate ship on the high seas, the ruins of a forbidden temple, a haunted graveyard and a mad scientist's castle. Spot has to negotiate his way past a host of creatures that attempt to impede his progress. As far as multi-level games go, this rivals Sonic for its sheer scale and playability. You get to play a cool shoot 'em up game and an exploration game where any level previously visited can be replayed to gain maximum points. And if Spot gets bored he'll get a call on his mobile phone to hurry him up. Spot is tops. ☺





Virtua Cop 2

- Platform: Sega Saturn/CD Rom
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Action

FOLLOWING in the wake of its highly successful predecessor comes another gun-toting romp around the crime-infested city. Well, it worked the first time so why not? Virtua Cop 2 applies the same formula in three new crime scenes. Your mission, if you accept it, is to take out the "perps" and destroy the crime boss on the city's downtown streets, docks or subways and trains. Each stage is divided into two segments. After completing the first half of the stage, you can choose the path to follow for the second half by shooting one of the directional signboards on screen. If you don't select a path



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quickly, the left hand path is automatically selected. At the end of every stage you have to face off with an EVL syndicate boss and see that he's brought to justice. As you progress, each stage becomes progressively harder with more targets to hit and greater accuracy required. The first stage is the Big Chase where you interrupt a jewellery heist in progress and have to secure the area before you chase the crooks in your squad car. In stage two, Save the Mayor, you have to negotiate a dangerous situation after the mayor has been kidnapped. The third stage, if you're good enough to get there, is the impressive Railline Shootout. The trail you must take leads to a cavernous warehouse where you battle to a climactic confrontation with the notorious

Garse Bradley. There are outstanding graphics that include car chases and crashes plus shootouts on speeding trains. There is also the bonus of being able to manipulate the levels of difficulty. An adjustable range from one to 30 provides a flexibility which is player-friendly and allows even the worst shot a chance to make the world a better place. Just remember that one is the most difficult! ☺

① Once the villain is in your viewfinder, SHOOT!

② As you progress, the targets get harder to hit.



Athletic Kings

- Platform: Sega Saturn
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Sports



3-D INTERACTIVE sports games get more and more realistic. To be the King of Athletics you must compete in the decathlon. From the first event, the 100 metres, through to the high jump, pole vault and energy sapping 1500 metre race you must out run, out jump and out throw an opponent and better existing records to claim the title of champion. Each discipline requires a different skill - from timing the run and jump of the hurdles to pacing yourself over the 400 metre race. The thrill of competing is heightened by the use of changing views during each event - the swooping camera picking up on the atmosphere inside the stadium - while the athletes you can choose from each has their own particular skill or favoured event. ☺

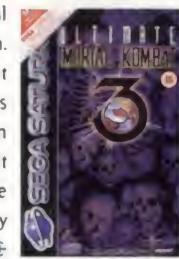


Mortal Kombat 3

- Platform: Sega Saturn
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Fighting

TIME TO DIE! Well, maybe not die... suffer a bit of a beating, lose a bit of blood - that's the nature of Mortal Kombat. The third instalment of this hugely popular series is once again set in the Outworld where you get to choose a fighter, defeat all opponents in the tournament and eventually come face-to-face with the tyrannical warlord Shao Kahn. The range of characters to choose from has improved

with each having their own deadly moves. The spider woman Sheeva has the spider stomp. Stryker gets to shoot a gun while Kabal unleashes a tornado spin. Improvements throughout Kombat 3 mean that there is still plenty to play for and even more fun to be had. But beware, if you are unfortunate enough to lose you'll probably have a very gruesome death. ☺

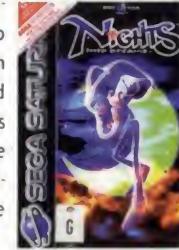


Night Into Dreams

- Platform: Sega Saturn
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Fantasy

ONE FOR THE KIDS. Just that right mix between fantasy and fun that will keep them coming back for more. The game is based on the premise that either Elliot or Claris is whisked away into the world of Nightopia where dreams are played out. With the help of Nights, an aerial acrobat who flies through the air, the player must collect coloured chips to

advance through stages while bonus points are collected by flying through rings and performing acrobatic loops. The aim is to eventually defeat the evil man who steals dreams. The game is fun and the colourful graphics and heroic link of the characters adds a refreshing fairy tale touch to the proceedings without needless violence. A game with plenty of heart. ☺





- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Adventure

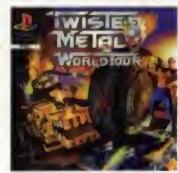
THREE OF THE BEST action movies add up to one of the most intense products to hit the games market. Split three ways, the trilogy takes in the plots of the

Die Hard series, those action movies that made palms sweat and emotions soar at the sheer wry joy of a wise guy beating the odds. In the opener, a barefoot John McClane matches his endurance against the terrorists in eight floors of the Nakatomi Plaza. The last of the bad guys on each floor triggers a bomb that will blow the whole steel and glass

Twisted Metal World Tour

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Sony
- Style: Action

ROAD RAGE goes global as this sinister selection of high-octane hellions turn the world into a perverse playground. Choose from a dozen twisted vehicles to take out the others across the shattered remains of Moscow, Paris, New York, Hong Kong or Dark Tooth. There're seriously psychotic minds behind this mayhem, with bonus points for taking out 10 pedestrians and sabotaging what you leave behind to take out the opposition. DC Comics provides the animation, which is needless-to-say pretty damned unbelievable. There was all sorts of whining from the wowsers over the original Twisted Metal, which was called the most repugnant car game ever. If they thought that was bad, this will slay 'em! One or two players can put pedal to the metal and tear up the planet. Some of the fastest guitar features on the soundtrack, mercilessly interspersed with manic laughter and all the tortured sounds you'd expect from a thousand pile-ups. This is the one your mother warned you about. ☺



Die Hard Trilogy



tower to hell and back. Die Hard 2 has McClane as a first-person in an arcade style shootout through Washington Airport's terminal and runway and the surrounding countryside. He tries to avoid killing the hostages and civilians while bringing the terrorist escape plane down. Die Hard With A Vengeance takes our hardy cop to New York. If you can make it here, you'll make it anywhere. In a test of driving skills, McClane will commandeer 15 vehicles to outrun the terrorists in a race against time to each bomb. All three games come complete with wise cracks from Bruce Willis. Some of the exclusive features of the game include "obstacle fadeout" so McClane is never blocked from view as he moves

past walls, posts or doors. However, as in the movies it is the charm of the main character that shells the show. Who can resist a man who goes about shouting, "Yippie-Ki-Yah!" while mowing down baddies? He's a guy with a habit of being in the wrong place at the wrong time and we are so lucky to be going along for the ride. ☺

- The terrorists are behind the car. Don't shoot the cop!
- It's not uncommon to be outnumbered by terrorists hellbent on destroying the wisecracking McClane.



NBA Live '97

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Sport



WELL, ALL BETS are now off on the best basketball game for Playstation, as NBA Live '97 is so vastly improved that an NBA Shootout sequel will have a tough time regaining the crown. NBA Live '97 offers superb motion-captured graphics and attention to player detail that's unmatched. Last year's biggest problem, distinguishing who was who in a crowd, is no longer an issue, as several options are provided to help identify players. Every player in the NBA, with the exception of Michael Jordan and Charles Barkley, appear on the game. The players shoot the percentages they shoot in the NBA, and as a result when you come up against the stronger NBA franchises, you have to play the game of your life to win. The game's only fault is the control, which takes some getting used to and seems to slow down the game play just a touch. In the move from sprite-based graphics to the motion-captured polygons, the look is far more impressive but the flow of the game seems a bit choppy. ☺



NHL Face Off '97

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Sport

ICE HOCKEY has stepped up a level with the latest in the NHL Face Off series. Choose from 650 current National Hockey League players with the skills matching their recent performances. Line up the players into an All Star team or put them in the uniform of one of the 26 NHL franchises. For a fast action sports game with all the options and outcomes of the real deal, NHL Face Off '97 will be hard to beat. New moves have been added to make the action slicker and the goalie's upgraded arsenal of moves render the defence harder to breach than ever. Take one rock hard ice rink, one to eight harder-than-rock players, a thunderous crowd and boisterous commentator for the closest look most Kiwis will get to the thrill of the NHL. Added celebration manoeuvres like backward skating and flips lift the excitement level. Once you play this game, you'll be hooked. You'll finally understand why US sports fans are so fascinated by this sport. Get out or get the puck outta here! ☺



Soviet Strike

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Combat

WAR IS A HOT BUSINESS since the thaw of the Cold War. For a Super Apache helicopter pilot on a suicide mission to stop world disorder, war is just a mistimed turn or a pull off the trigger away. The latest entry in the Strike series offers better features such as realistic 3-D terrain and vehicles, improved artificial intelligence for the enemy and a fresh story line that's drawn from recent headlines. An ex-KGB general, code named Shadowman, is trying to restore the Soviet hardliners to power. Take out the massing forces, capture an enemy commander, sweep President Yeltsin from the Kremlin and stop the war before democracy falls. Regular doco-style briefings update the situation as it worsens behind enemy lines in five levels. The follower of Jungle Strike, Urban Strike and Desert Strike is a leader in war games. An added feature is the music system that speeds up or slows down with the action. Soviet Strike is as challenging as it is chilling, a 32-bit game of Russian roulette with world peace. Who could ask for more? ☺



King's Field

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Sony
- Style: Adventure

THE FIRST TRUE role playing game on Playstation takes Dungeons & Dragons into the realm of full-on computer wizardry. King's Field drops the player onto the Island of Melanat where evil lurks and goodwill waits for a knight with courage. This is ideal for a novice, the action entices our intrepid knight along at a sinister pace that quickly becomes

addictive. During the journey you pick up spells and weapons to ward off the ugly ne'er-do-wells that cross your path. The visual appeal of King's Field cannot be overstated with a 3-D textured polygon environment. Clues interlace the game, combining reaction skills with wits to seek the ultimate evil of Guyra. King's Field is a single player game that is obsessively addictive as it is rewarding. There is already much talk on the internet as knights trade clues and talk of the fantastic potential. An epic adventure for the smart player wanting a fantasy role with lasting appeal. ☺



2Xtreme

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Sony
- Style: Sport

TEN OF THE MOST competitive dudes go head-to-head in-line skating in Vegas, mountain biking in Africa, skateboarding in LA and snowboarding in Japan. Each of the four disciplines has thrills and challenges to set them apart from any other ride games. Here's a tip from someone who's been there. Sidewalk surfing in LA can cause you serious damage when you clip the top of a power pole

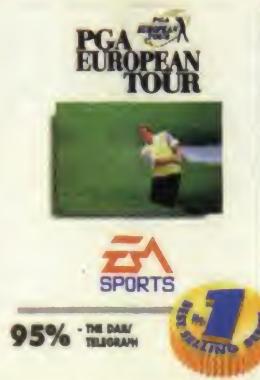
attempting Xtreme air time. Awesome 3-D landscapes give the cities or wilderness into photo-realistic action. Add night or fog conditions to soup up the difficulty levels and tailor make your own XTREME competitor with all the skills to beat the others. Each sport has added tricks to inject some flair into your game - rail slides and ollie air on the skateboard or front flips on the snowboard or in-line skates. Watch the fancy stuff - although there are extra points in tricks some of those spills really look like they hurt. Attitude begins at the start line and kicks all the way to the climax. For those whose only fear is losing. ☺



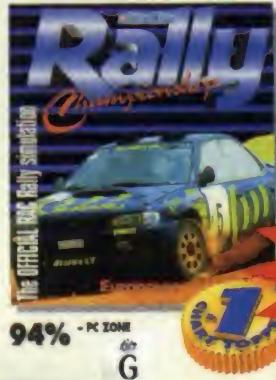
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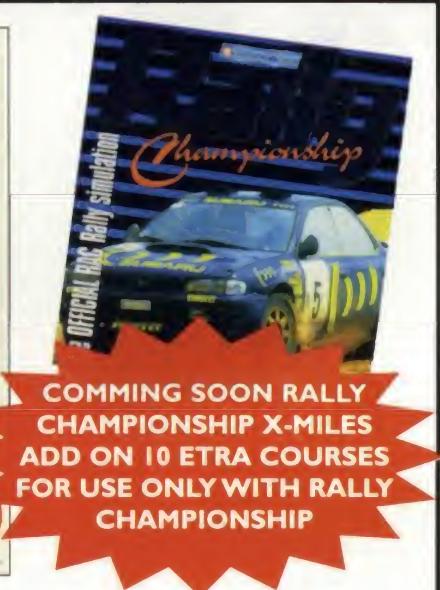
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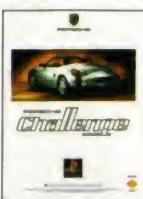
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Porsche Challenge



racing rages on. The controls can be reset to have whichever buttons you prefer as the accelerator, the brake or reverse gear. But hey, who needs brakes when a car handles like this baby? On screen layout has the view through the windscreen, from the grille or looking down from above. The dials sit neatly at the bottom of the screen to let you know of anybody coming from behind, your position, time and laps completed. Porsche Challenge has all the kick-butt excitement of the race, with the substance of style that only Europe's finest car maker could inject. ©



Total NBA '97

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Sony
- Style: Sport



DON'T CONFUSE this with NBA Live '97. Both game are exactly what the fans ordered but there are distinct differences. For a start there is no Shaquille O'Neal in this version but Sir Charles does appear in this game which has been updated for the upcoming playoffs. Trades that have occurred in the 1996-97 NBA season have been made to the Total NBA '97 rosters making it the most up-to-date game on the market. The player chooses a team, transfers any player from the NBA pool and pits them man-on-man. The sound effects are complete too, from the roaring crowd, to the dribbling ball beating the wood - even the squeak of shoes on the polished floor. Extended game options include altering the length of the game, replays of dunks and customising the game mode. Take to the court as a rookie, be an all-star by halftime and be a veteran by the final whistle. Total NBA '97 includes player profiles and on screen collectors cards. ©



Epidemic

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Sony
- Style: Action



2065AD. The remnants of the human race live 60 metres below the ground in Neurol City where they are supposed to be safe from the Gagari virus raging overhead. The beautiful Laila has contracted the killer condition and the man at the centre of the game - Esau - will try anything to save her. He must first go above ground wearing a massive protective suit which initially seems cumbersome but soon turns out to be indispensable. The storyline is superior to many sci-fi games while the action explodes abruptly and without warning. Epidemic is also finely detailed in graphics. There's no hiding, no hiding a lack of finesse in darkened landscapes. This has every nut and bolt in place. Epidemic is... contagious. Catch it while you can. ©



Soul Blade

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: Sony
- Style: Action

TEN WARRIORs of the ancient world battle one another in brutal hand-to-hand combat. Choose who you might be from the blond German Siegfried to the swarthy Spaniard Cervantes and take guard. The fight are arduous with no give from any foe. Female combatants look attractive but the most beautiful opponents can also be the most deadly. Soul Blade is fast and furious, particularly in the arcade mode. For a more leisurely romp, try the edge master mode which will explain the plot between bouts and tell you why you must take on the next challenger. The settings, like The Wind & The Clouds or Heavenly Engage, are beautifully designed and the splendid 3D effects swirl as the battle rage. Each character has their own unique weapon and fighting actions. Soul Blade has a practise mode to try out the characters before setting off to thrash the enemies. One of the best fighters has to be the gorgeous Greek Sophitia. She'll break your back by twisting your head between her knees - what a nice way to die! ©



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- Style: Sport

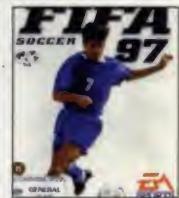
FIFA '97 is a must for the armchair gurus of soccer. You know who you are. You're the guy that sits in front of the television complaining about what you're watching. "The striker's out of position". "Why doesn't he go to the by-line before crossing?" etc. Well now you have the opportunity to test your skills against the best teams in the world and guess what? Just like the real thing, it takes time to master the art. The next time you see Gazza go through two tackles before losing the ball at the third tackle you might be a little more easy on him after being embarrassed by this PlayStation game. Like other PlayStation sports games like NHL Face Off or NBA Live this game impresses with the unbelievable information contained within it. You have the option of playing in 12 different international leagues. The statistics and players pool cover 4,200 players - and before you say it, some of the All Whites even make the list! You can play league soccer, ie Tottenham Hotspur against Manchester United, or you can play

FIFA '97



international soccer with teams like Brazil, Argentina or England. A stand out feature of Fifa '97 is that the games are commentated by top UK presenters Andy Gray and John Motson. There you are, sitting in the privacy of your living room playing a PlayStation game and Motson is going on. "What a shot!", "Oh dear" or his famous "Look at that" are

common phases that will convince you you're actually starring on Match of the Day. You have the option of playing friendly matches or a whole season. You control any teams you want with the option of transferring existing players or creating your own. A great game for Sunday mornings when you can replay matches after hearing the British football results. This might be the only way that Spurs win the championship! ☺



Hardcore

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: BMG
- Style: Driving

ANYTHING CALLING ITSELF HARDCORE is always a good start. The game is very user friendly with more options than you can imagine. You have choice of what vehicle you do battle in - everything from ice-breakers to sandhoppers - and you can even choose the weather. If there is a downer to the game, it's that the Devil's Track in the championship was a little too difficult. But what a rush! The fact that it's so hard kept me coming back for more until I finally conquered it. There is plenty of eye food in Hardcore. The graphics are simply the best, providing a drive time game for fanatics. The competition out there is tough but Hardcore is as good as any of them. The handling varies from vehicle to vehicle, but as with all drive games, the more you play the better you'll be. Thankfully the makers of Hardcore haven't made drastic changes to the steering controls. If you've played other race games, you'll be primed for action. For those of you that require a bit more of a challenge there's a race class selection. The difficulty and speed have to be experienced to be believed. The feeling when you're named King of the Street is one of those much talked about PlayStation moments. ☺

Reloaded

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: BMG
- Style: Combat

WELL, SINCE I HAVEN'T PLAYED LOADED I am probably a bit behind all the PlayStation legends out there. Nevertheless this game has got what it takes to keep you hot on the heels of the one and only C.H.E.B. (Charming Handsome Erudite Bastard) The Notorious One, who wants to do all sorts of bad things to the inhabitants of numerous unpronounceable planets. Choose one of six different gun muggers to chase the six hardcore C.H.E.B - my favourite has to be Sister Magpie. I only managed to

chase C.H.E.B. to a bar on some planet before being eaten by these big dogs. The graphics are good and even though it takes a while to master the game it's worth the effort. Mind you it's not a game for the faint hearted. Get set for a high blood factor. But it's not just a game about violence. There's just as much skill involved in Reloaded. It is a good title for this game in more ways than one because at times the scene is loaded with so much information and sights that it makes you keep coming back for more in case you missed something. It's important to have a memory card hooked up. Trust me, after spending two days trying to get through the first level, and then dying almost immediately on the second, the last thing you want to do is have to face those dogs at that bar again! Load it up. ☺



Pandemonium

- Platform: PlayStation
- Distributor: BMG
- Style: Fantasy

BE WARNED! Here is a game that may severely cripple your social life! Having a choice of two characters, Fargis or Nikki, you must work your way through an array of multi-level obstacles and puzzles in the hope of defeating Yongol. Nikki and Fargis, both serving their magician apprenticeships, have fumbled a powerful spell and as a result their entire village now rests in the belly of the dragon Yongol. From here on in, it's easy platform gaming

but the feature that makes it stand out from the other platforms is the cinematic viewpoint, giving you the kind of involvement normally associated with 3D World Games. It also has a code system in which you can log back in to where you died without needing a memory card. Yeah Boyee! That's a pretty important feature especially considering that in this house there is someone waiting to snatch the controls off you for their turn as soon as you die. PlayStation novices and experts alike will be totally transfixed by Pandemonium. You guys will love it. The girlfriends won't though... until they try playing it themselves! ☺



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- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Strategy



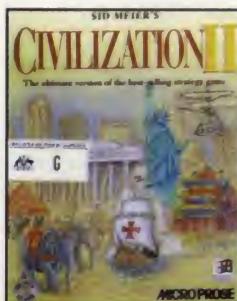
THE FUTURE HAS BEEN RECAST after Albert Einstein, perfecting his theories of time travel, goes back to Landsberg, Germany before WWII and takes out Adolf Hitler. With no common enemy, the Allies and the Soviets turn on each other and Germany throws in its lot with the English and the French. Europe falls under the unstoppable Red tide. Strange new technologies complicate the war and spies could be working for any side. Red Alert was created by the makers of Command & Conquer and follows in a similarly striking vein. You can choose to be the Allies or the Soviets but either side has pitfalls as well as strengths. Germany has the shot power. England has the armour but Russia has the money to pour into a war machine. The multiplay features include taking the battle to the internet or bringing in up to eight players to go head-to-head. There are over 40 missions to play across the battle-scarred continent, over land, sea and air. Red Alert has a huge scope for extended hours fighting the greatest powers

in world history. The Allies' secret weapon is probably the pick of the bunch. She's a beautiful agent named Tanya, armed with a pair of Colt .45s and a smile to die for. They say that war is hell but only if you are the loser. ☺

- Over 40 missions to play and dozens of multiplayer maps.
- Dozens of close ups and action moves
- Super VGA graphics intensify the realism.
- Fight over land and sea.



- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Strategy



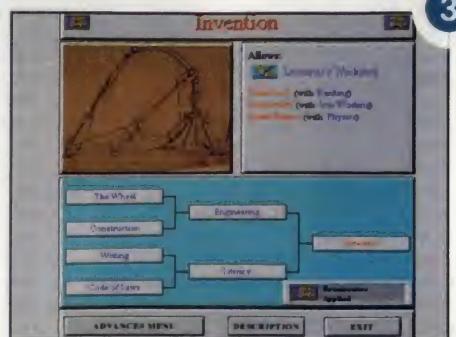
The beloved classic Civilization remains one of the mainstays of any top sellers list in the computer entertainment biz. This sequel uses all the same winning concepts while literally expanding the horizons revealed in the earlier version.

The player is cast as a ruler of a founding civilisation and must make all the right decisions from the start. The goal is to dominate the world, explore outer space and ultimately colonise Alpha Centauri. Each move will change the future, should your early efforts be to build military strength against invaders or cultivate agriculture to trade away your property. Civilization II has the wonderful knack of being thoroughly entertaining while setting out the complexities of human endeavour. The founding of every social, economic and political system is at your disposal. Full motion video brings classic moments in history to life, such as

Civilization II

Leonardo da Vinci in his workshop, Marco Polo at large and the Statue of Liberty taking her stand at the gateway of America. The sound is a marvel with 3D stereo bouncing the action off the walls. ☺

- Negotiate with rival empires and make plans to outwit history's leaders and take over their countries.
- Influence world history's landmark events.
- Devise and control technology by coming up with your own inventions to help you dominate the world.





Grand Prix 2

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Driving

THE CROWD CHEER in anticipation as the light turns green. The air is filled with burning rubber and smoke as Gerhard Berger leads from pole position in his Ferrari. Yep. Grand Prix season is here and what better way to celebrate? Ever wondered what it would be like to race at speeds of 180mph? Wait no more... now you can take part in the action. Grand Prix 2 offers players a host of options to help you experience the thrill from the driver's seat. Race on some of the world's most famous tracks while competing against the best drivers. You can choose which team you want to drive for and any track. Some tracks are more challenging and require precise timing in order to avoid ending up amongst the spectators! The race is never postponed - rain or shine you have to front up. You are both mechanic and driver. Wheel balances, gear ratios and repairs are up to you. The interior of the car is based on the real thing and you can choose to view the race from track side, cockpit or even from up in the stands. The game play is very smooth and fast. One of the best sequence of graphics is shown when you are either involved in a collision or spin off the track. It's almost worth crashing to see it! ☺



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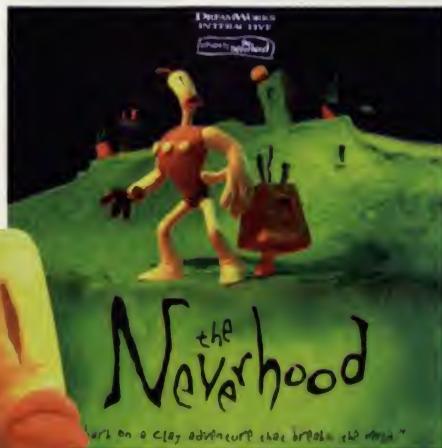
- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Microsoft
- Style: Fantasy



EVER HEARD of a game made totally out of clay? If you found that surprising, how about three tonnes of clay? Well, believe it or not, that is exactly how *The Neverhood* was produced. The game starts off with a basic story line. A robot called Hoborg built the world of *The Neverhood* to house his friends and creations. Unfortunately, one of his slaves, Klogg, has different

The Neverhood

ideas. He conspires to overthrow Hoborg. As Klayman (your character) you must search for clues about *The Neverhood* and its creation. There are over 60 puzzles to try your hand at and some are extremely challenging. Each puzzle takes you a step closer to understanding more about *The Neverhood* and also preventing Klogg from overthrowing its creator. Various rooms can be explored and numerous items can be found hidden in rooms, street chambers and tunnels. Video tapes can be found and when they're inserted into the right player you are given vital clues for solving the puzzle. The animations run so smoothly it seems as though you're watching a cartoon on the screen. Microsoft have mastered the art of sculpture and every detail is perfect. There are distinct features on the character's faces which could only have taken the most skilled of artists



to produce. The music is lively and perky and fits in with the nature of the game. It adds to the atmosphere and provides the perfect environment for playing a game of this calibre. ☺

It all started in 1988 with some artwork about a whimsical clay town. Seven years later the idea was pitched to Steven Spielberg. The Neverhood was born...

Flight Simulator

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Microsoft
- Style: Flying

HAVE YOU EVER wondered what goes on behind those closed doors of a cockpit? Or for that matter how an aeroplane is flown? Flight Simulator gives you the opportunity of flying commercial planes such as the Cessna Skyline, Learjet 35A and the Boeing 737-400. You can fly to cities like Tokyo, Paris and New York, all in the comfort of your own home. Once you're in the cockpit the possibilities are endless. You can control the weather and you can even change destinations mid flight. Night flying is an experience you must encounter. The graphics are good and the controls complex. This is a realistic game so if it was easy it wouldn't be right. And remember - a tiny mistake can be deadly, so be careful. ☺



Deadly Tide

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Microsoft
- Style: Fantasy

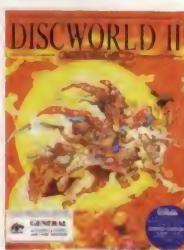
THE HUMAN RACE has been exterminated. The aliens are taking over. You are one of the few existing members left on earth. The world depends on you. Deadly Tide, as the name suggests is not a game for the faint hearted. Set in the 26th century, it combines futuristic weaponry with the latest underwater technology. Saving an underwater earth is no ordinary task. You are armed with a robotic suite with a variety of weapons to accompany you on your long mission. Your aim is to destroy the enemy. They are skilled and determined - something you find out as you travel to the four corners of the globe terminating anything in your path. The plot is a great concept made better by incredible digitised graphics and smooth gameplay. If you love carnage then grab wave and ride Deadly Tide. ☺



Discworld II

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Fantasy

TERRY PRATCHETT, the man who brought us novels like *The Hogfather* and *Feet of Clay* is back again and this time he has converted one of his bestsellers into an interactive game. You are Rincewind, who has tried to learn the art of wizardry but isn't that clever. Then one day a character named Death goes missing. This mysterious disappearance has caused commotion in Discworld. Rincewind volunteers to go in search of Death. The elders proclaim this is the test which, if passed, will elevate him to wizard status. Rincewind is accompanied by Luggage, a chest with feet which follows him around. Most of the items found get stored in Luggage and each item helps you solve the puzzles in various ways. Discworld contains graphics which are all animated. The cartoon-like images are perfectly rendered. The character's speech is surprisingly clear. With both these factors combined the atmosphere of Discworld is one of happiness and fantasy. ☺





"HOWZAT!" Sound familiar? Sure, you may have seen the cricket on television or maybe even knocked around in the back yard but you have never really experienced exciting cricket... until now. Cricket '97 is the most realistic cricket game available at the moment on the market. It brings with it outstanding features never seen before in the history of the PC. The realistic images and crystal clear sound together make for one of the most spectacular games of cricket you'll ever complete in. Commentary is provided throughout the game. Richie Benaud (the world's leading commentator) heads up the commentary team alongside English great Ian Botham. They add to the atmosphere of the game with their classic comments like "Cracker of a shot" and "Absolutely dis-

pointing play there". The toss of the coin decides the batting and fielding team and the teams are dressed in their traditional colours. The players look almost realistic as they take to the field and begin to compete fiercely for victory. Even the umpires are dressed for the occasion and they monitor the game as fairly as ever. And what would a cricket match be without spectators? They come in their thousands to watch every match and are never disappointed by the action that takes place. Different camera angles can be used while playing the game. Why not watch the game from high up in the stands or right on the pitch with stump vision? There are four types of

games to choose from and they include test matches and the exciting one day matches. The game play is extremely smooth and fast. Just like watching cricket on TV - except that you are actually controlling the game. This way, if you're in charge of New Zealand, the Kiwis might even win a match! If you get bored with playing against the computer, try the linkup option and go head-to-head with a friend via a modem. All in all, this is one spectacular game. ☺



Cricket '97



- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Sport

F22 Lightning II

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Electronic Arts
- Style: Flying

HAVE YOU EVER wanted to control a \$4.5 million fighter plane? If so, F22 contains some of the best graphics ever seen in flight simulation. The terrain and desert backdrops are breathtaking, however to take advantage of their full beauty, a fast computer is a must. The F22 fighter plane is one of the world's first aircraft with thrust vectoring capabilities. It is also equipped with a radar which is extremely useful for accurately detecting the position of your enemies before they can attack you. A big attraction of this game is the different angles from which the game can be played - from the cockpit, sky or wings. The realistic production includes 30 different keyboard commands but a joystick is a must - it makes the plane a lot easier to control. The air combat takes place in four territories - Siberia, Burma, Iraq and the Ukraine. There are no easy battles but be warned... once you start playing this game you'll find it hard to push the eject button. ☺



The Terminator Skynet

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Combat

YOU HAVE SEEN THE MOVIE, now be a part of the game as seen through the eyes of John Conner. Your mission: "to terminate or be terminated". The game takes place in Los Angeles in 2015. The human race is dangerously near to extinction as the terminators have taken over. You have escaped from Skynet, a computer building where you were being held hostage. Now it's up to you to save lives and kill the

machines. To assist you on this mission are an array of weapons ranging from the UZI machine gun to the Plasma Pistol. The game uses a keyboard/mouse control but there is an option of using a joystick. The graphics are clear, detailed and precise. Terminator Skynet has the potential to be one of the best games around. Once you play it, you'll sit for hours at your screen and before long you'll be saying "I'll be back!" ☺



Screamer 2

- Platform: PC CD-ROM
- Distributor: Sega Ozisoft
- Style: Driving

FANS HAVE LONG awaited the arrival of the sequel to Screamer and here it is. And once again it is pushing rally racing to the limit. After choosing from the four available teams, you have to choose between four race options - arcade, championship, time attack and multiplier. There are a wide variety of surfaces to race on as well - everything from mud to

snow. The best thing about the game is the graphics. They are near perfect. The background and on-track action are just like the real thing. There is even a fine collection of techno tunes to chill out to while you control one of the million dollar machines. Another highlight is the multiplier option which lets you race against other players on the same network. Most games like this don't offer that option. Good graphics, great sounds and safer than the Smokefree Rally. ☺



hints + tips

Megadrive

Spot Goes to Hollywood ... passwords to any level

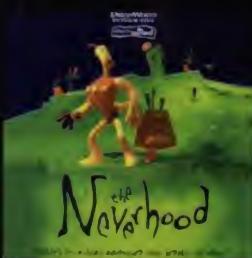
These passwords will take you to any level. If you feel like experimenting, you can change the number of lives by changing the sixth letter into a number.

Level	Passwords
2	JNGFTKWS
3	LBPGVDRD
4	HYQUUB7
5	YDGKVMUC
6	JGNVLDHY



The Neverhood ...how to solve the shrink lab puzzle

Go into the yellow and purple Radio Room. Solve the Radio puzzle. Set the radio to the station you heard on the Putt-Putt (Slots), this will open the lab door. Go to the Lab Cellar (leave the lights off). Enter the Shrink Lab and solve the puzzle. On the side of the Shrink Lab it says "BOBBY", which stands for Blue, Orange, Blue, Blue, Yellow (the answer to the puzzle).



PC CD ROM

Having problems? Of course you are. Fortunately, Total Games' Hints and Tips are here to help. If you're still stuck, you can call one of the helplines opposite. They are New Zealand owned and run, with armies of experts waiting to get you out of that impossible corner. Simply call the appropriate number opposite for details.

Mario 64 ...how to get that 120th star

While standing anywhere in the Castle, pause your game, then press Up or Down on the Control Stick to scroll between the courses you've completed. Each course you've visited will be displayed with six Stars and the maximum amount of coins you've located in that course. A white Star indicates that you've found the Star, but a clear Star indicates you haven't. If you see any clear Stars, go to that course and complete the necessary Star objective. If a Star doesn't appear next to the coin total, then you either haven't collected 100 coins in that course

Nintendo 64

or you forgot to collect the seventh Star when you did. The pause screen will also indicate how many Castle Secret Stars you've located. There's a total of 15 Secret Stars. The most commonly missed one is in the Princess's Secret Slide. Don't be fooled if you only found one Star in this course, because there are actually two.



Legacy of Kain

REFILL BLOOD - during normal play just press Up, Right, Square, Circle, Up, Down, Right, Left



Playstation

REFILL MAGIC - during normal play just press Right, Right, Square, Circle, Up, Down, Right, Left



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Easy Install...

TOMB RAIDER

Saturn

LEVEL SKIP

Pause the game and access the "Load Game" book. Go to the "Exit To Title" page and press Z, Y, Z, Y, X, X, X, Start. Lara should make a sound. Press A to skip to the next level.

UNLIMITED AMMO

Enter the Level Skip code then press A + Up.

TOMB RAIDER

PC

ALL WEAPONS

To get all the guns and full ammo, walk one step forward, one step backwards (you must use the Shift key), then turn around three times counter clockwise, then jump backwards.

LEVEL SKIP

To skip the current level, walk one step forward, one step backwards (you must use the Shift key), then turn around three times counter clockwise, then jump forward. This is a great way to see the FMV clips.

VIRTUA COP 2

Saturn

BIG HEADS

On the third option screen there is an entry with all question marks. To get it to work you must play the game 58 times. It will turn into Big Heads.

CHARACTER SELECT

At the stage select screen use control pad to enter the following codes:

Rage - Press X to select your starting stage

Smarty - Press Y to select your starting stage

Janet - Press Z to select your starting stage

Note: You can select the same cop in 2-player mode.

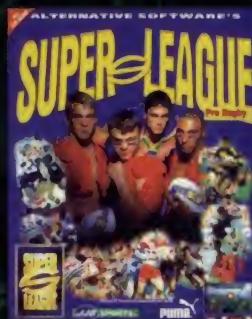
FIGHT END BOSS

When you select the stage you want, rapidly fire at the little arrow pointing the first stage until time runs out. You should be fighting the end boss.

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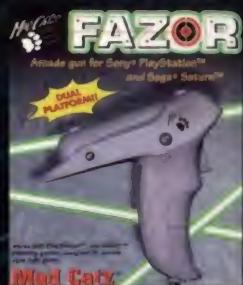
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The Die Hard Trilogy

... to use these cheat codes, pause the game and hold R2 while entering desired code

Die Hard

God mode = ▶▲▼□

50 grenades and 5 bullets = ▶□▼○

Fat mode = ▶□□▼

Villains float upwards when shot = ▼□△▼

Forward is backward. Backward is forward = ▶□△▶

Coordinates = ◀○▼□

Skeleton mode = △△△△△△△△△△▶▶▶▶

Silly mode = ▼○○▼△▼

15 Bullets = ▼□□▶

Unlimited shotgun = ▶▲▼▼□▶



Die Hard 2: Die Harder

Map editor (select this option for God mode) = ▶▲▼□

Skeleton mode = ▼□△▼

Lots of ammo = ▶□◀○△▼

Fergus mode (everyone looks alike) = ○▼▼□×□



Die Hard with a Vengeance

Fat mode = ◀△▶▼

Fergus mode = ○▼▼△×□

Car floats in air = ▶□◀△×□▼

Everything is in flat mode = ▼▲◀◀▼△◀◀▼△◀◀

Slow motion = ◀△◀◀□▼

Sky cam mode = ○▶▼□△◀

Very slow motion = ○▼▼□▶

999 turbos = ○○□□▼▼×

Infinite lives = ◀○▲▼□▶



Easy Install...

STALKERS

Playstation

To play as the secret character Pogo, push and hold down L1, L2, R1 and R2 then at the same time push select and start. You should hear a strange voice and Pogo will appear.

AIR COMBAT

Playstation

On the loading screen hold down R1 and Circle then press and R1.

EGG RALLY

Saturn

To get to Lancia Stratos on the main menu screen tap x y z y z. Go to the car selection screen, choose manual car and pull down.

DESERT STORM

PC/CD ROM

zingermans - invulnerability
motherload - all weapons
whammazoom - level warp

HELLCAT

Nintendo

Hit ZARZAB at the intro screen to access Gargos.

CRASH USA

Nintendo

Hit the top, bottom, left C buttons on the vehicle select screen to access secret vehicles. When you get first on the all time list of license plates, go down to the bottom and hold left for 30 seconds. A head will appear. Then with the police car or school bus, push brake twice then gas.

ALIEN ISOLATION

Nintendo

Enter Mortal as your name and 0004 as your pin to access hidden characters. Munday and 5432 also work. Marius and 1005 are other options.

STAR WARS

Nintendo

In the battle of Hoth, hold down right C for a hidden camera view.

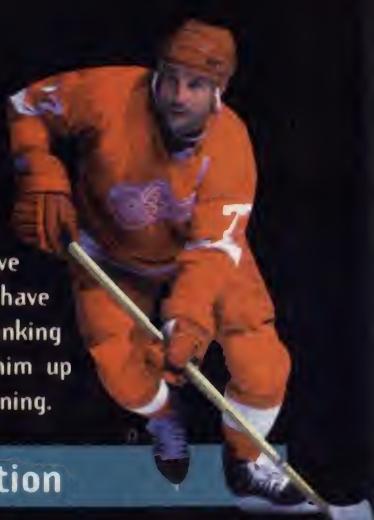
NHL Faceoff '97

To get the perfect player in your team follow these steps.

- 1) Go to Create A Player.
- 2) Choose one of the following names - Raja Altenhoff, Tom Braski, Craig Broadbooks, Josh Hassin, Tawn Kramer, Alan Scales or Kelly Ryan.
- 3) For their number enter 1
- 4) For their position choose forward.
- 5) Make them right handed.
- 6) Make their weight 150.

- 7) Press △.
- 8) Go to the Sign Free Agents. The player you have created will have an overall ranking of 99. Sign him up and start winning.

Playstation



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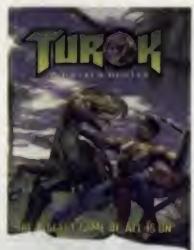


It's one of the most in-your-face games on the market. Lots of violence and lots of blood - hey, some people like that stuff! The game is BMG's Legacy of Kain and if you haven't been freaked out by a PlayStation game yet, then try playing this one. We're giving away a copy of the game, a Legacy Of Kain T-shirt, poster and key ring. To win just tell us on which page the review of Legacy of Kain appears in Total Games. Send your entries to BMG Competition.



Turok

To be Turok - in the Saquin language - is to be Son of Stone. A protector of Earth. If you want to experience a taste of life in the Saquin lane (and it's worth experiencing), then you'd better enter this competition. Total Games and Roadshow Interactive are giving away a copy of Turok - Dinosaur Hunter and three Turok T-shirts. To win, just tell us on which page the Turok advertisement appears in Total Games. Send your entries to Turok Competition, Roadshow Entertainment, Private Bag 56905, Dominion Rd, Auckland.



Ultimate Star Wars Pack



The Star Wars Trilogy is the movie industry's biggest event of 1997. The movies that won our hearts and captured our imagination in the seventies and eighties are back on the silver screen - and Total Games has joined the party with the best Star Wars pack available. Not only will you win a Stars Wars hat and badge, but there is also a copy of Steve Perry's best seller *Shadows of the Empire* from Bantam Books and of course Nintendo's latest 64-bit game *Shadows of the Empire 64*. There are three major prizes to be won. We've also thrown in Nintendo caps and T-shirts as well. Just write to us and tell us the name of two of the stars of the Star Wars films. Send your answers to Bantam Nintendo Competition.



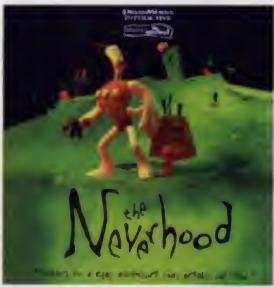
WIN the Platinum Collection

The price wars in the gaming industry are hotting up and the consumer is the big winner. Sony have countered the recent introduction of Nintendo 64 by releasing their Platinum Collection - a selection of their greatest hits at an all time low price of \$49.95. Available titles include Battle Arena Toshinden, Ridge Racer, Destruction Derby, Wipeout, Air Combat and Takken. To celebrate this great deal, Total Games is giving away a Platinum Collection. All you have to do to win is tell us the name of the shop where you picked up your copy of Total Games. Send your entries to Platinum Competition.



Score The Neverhood

What do Klaymen, Klogg and Hoborg have in common? They all live in Neverhood - Microsoft's CD-Rom game that is taking the world by storm. Total Games and Microsoft are giving away a copy of the game. To win, just tell us in 10 words or less what you think the Neverhood looks like. Send your entries on the back of an envelope to Neverhood Competition. You'd better be fast though because there's only one game to win.



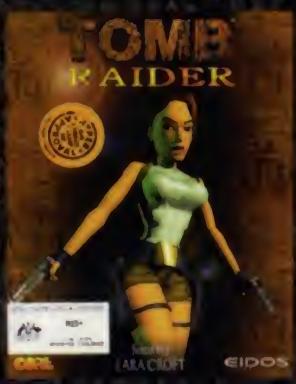
Send all entries and the name of the competition and answer on the outside of an envelope to P O Box 3194, Shortland Street, Auckland. Each entry must be on a separate envelope and you may enter each competition only once. All winners will be notified by telephone. Entries for all competitions close on 14 May.



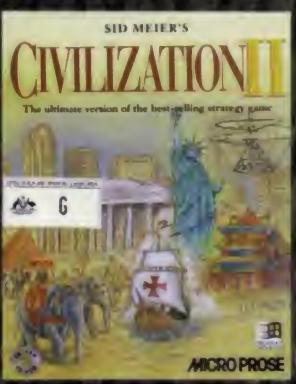
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- New weapons, Tesla Tanks, Elite Super Soldiers, Superjets
- Any player, any mission in any order
- Three difficulty levels



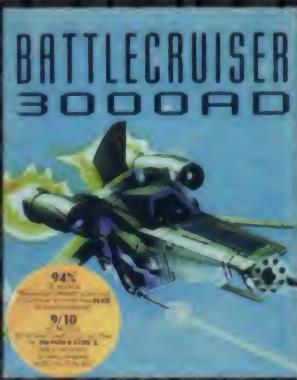
- Play the biggest selling game ever!
- Multiplayer strategy game from over the creators of Command & Conquer.
- Over 40 Missions
- Larger than life battle maps and Super VGA graphics
- Red Alert puts the fate of the world in your hands!



- Step into the shoes of Adventurer "Lara Croft" and explore the breath taking 3D worlds that have made Tomb Raider the most talked about game in 1996
- Over 5000 frames of animation on Lara Croft alone.
- 16 massive levels where the objective is to discover and recover the pieces of the ancient Scion artefact



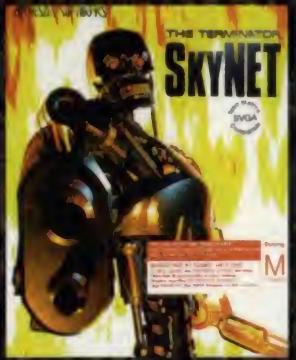
- The follow up to Civilization with over 5000 sold in NZ already
- Command powerful armies from archers to paratroopers, elephants to stealth bombers.
- Negotiate with some of the greatest empires of all time.
- With civilization you can influence landmark events



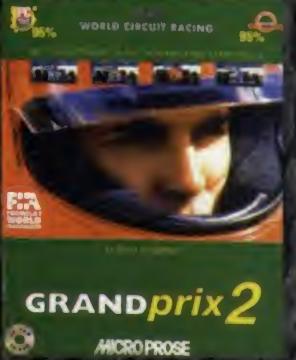
- 9/10 - PC Review
- A spaceflight simulator, conquest and exploration "Supergame".
- Combine strategy, space combat and simulation
- Incredibly advanced artificial intelligence
- Dynamic and evolving 3D universe with 13 different alien nations.



- The world's favorite strategy game come to life on your computer
- Based on the card game with over 2 billion card sales
- Challenge the computer to a match in the duel at anytime
- Over 400 cards from "Fourth Edition" with 20 powerful out-of-print cards (like Black Lotus) plus 12 new Astral Set cards.



- The follow up to Terminator Future Shock this game will blow your socks off
- Play up to four players all fully modelled in 3D
- Only one copy to play multi-player game
- Super VGA with 17 deadly weapons at your disposal
- Over 20 3D modelled robot enemies



- This is not a racing game - this is grand prix racing!
- All 16 tracks in the 1994 Grand Prix series.
- State of the art graphics and detail.
- Full race strategy planning.
- Multi player capability.
- Full lap replays



- Take your civilization to the stars.
- Develop skill and technology to help your people colonize the galaxy.
- Design spaceships and defend and attack other alien empires.
- Multi player and compete with up to 7 other players.



- Lord Ironfist is dead and the Kingdom is plunged into vicious civil war. Will you support the villainous usurper and lead the armies of evil or be loyal to the righteous prince?
- Two new character classes, over 65 heroes and 66 monster types
- Multi player up to 6 players
- Multiple scenarios with team play



- Join an elite United Nations strike force and scramble to hot spots all over the world flying either F22 Lightning or F/A-18 Hornet
- Virtual cockpit featuring 360 degree 3D viewing
- Over 3.5 square miles of real world terrain generated from US Dept of Defense
- Incredibly accurate texture mapping



- If you have not played C&C then you have not played a strategy game!
- Includes the add on for C&C: Covert Operations.
- Every action triggers a violent and often deadly reaction so think carefully before you act.
- European "Game of the Year"

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